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3 declare candidacy for TSC election

By John Strubelt
Collegian Editor

Two incumbents and a political newcomer have filed for candidacy in the May 4 Southmost Union Junior College District board of trustees election.

Incumbent trustee Dolly Zimmerman and university employee Alberto Peña will vie for the Place 2 seat on the board.

Zimmerman was appointed to the position in 1995 to finish the unexpired term of Leon Bellia. She was elected to the post in 1996.

Peña is the coordinator of UTB/TSC's Cross Border Collaboration and Education Project. "I want to get on the board and represent a generation of young professionals such as myself," Peña said.

He served as a full-time employee of the university for five years, is a partner of P&T Business Services, a business-consulting firm, and is involved in volunteer efforts in the community.

Board Chair Mary Rose Cardenas will run unopposed for Place 1. Cardenas has served on the board for 18 years and has been chair since 1990.

Neither Zimmerman nor Cardenas could be reached for comment at press time Thursday.

The deadline for applying for candidacy was 5 p.m. March 20. Early voting will be conducted April 17-30, with regular voting taking place May 4.

Note to readers

The Collegian will not publish on Monday, April 1, as its staff will be attending the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association Convention March 27-30 in Fort Worth. Publication will resume on April 8.

Funk leaving volleyball post

By Trey Mendez
Sports Editor

The Brian Funk era has come to an end at UTB/TSC. After 10 years, Funk has decided to step down as head volleyball coach, citing family reasons.

Funk has been apart from his sons for more than three years, after a divorce from his wife. His sons, Zachary, 6, Taylor, 13, and Garrett, 15, live in San Antonio with their mother and stepfather.

"It has been a tremendous struggle to try to keep in touch with my sons," Funk said. "It just got to a point where I wanted to be near them."

Funk has made frequent visits to San Antonio to see his children, but he wants to be more than just a "visitor."

"The visits back and forth to San Antonio are just that, visits," Funk said. "Even when they come down here, it was real quick and before you know it, it's been three years already."

Funk says these are the most important years in his sons' lives and that he is missing out on being a father.

"[Garrett] tried out for the basketball team this year and he didn't make it, so he was devastated," Funk said. "He was on the phone crying, and it just really hit home that I wish



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Brian Funk

I was there and I should have been there."

Funk said that being close to his sons was his only reason for wanting to leave his position at UTB/TSC.

"My main focus right now is to get back in touch with family," Funk said. "It has absolutely nothing to do with my position here. I totally enjoy it. I have the best job in the world. I love my job and I love the

university."

Before coming to UTB/TSC, Funk was employed as a director of a volleyball club in San Antonio. Funk also taught classes at St. Phillips College in San Antonio. Most of his collegiate experience was as an assistant coach at the University of Indiana and the University of

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Students want answers about prof's contract

By Alfredo Norberto
Staff Writer

A group of students is demanding to know why a government professor's contract has not been renewed.

In the "let your voice be heard" portion of the SGA meeting earlier this month, senior government major Derek Juarez said the group wanted an explanation as to why Social Sciences Assistant Professor Delina Barrera's contract was not renewed. Juarez praised Barrera, saying that

her grant writing has brought almost a half-million dollars to the university.

University administrators would not comment on the matter.

Earlier in the week, The Collegian asked José Martín, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, about the status of Barrera's employment. In a written statement, Martín responded, "It is not proper or legal for me to discuss individual personnel decisions affecting individual colleagues. I just want to emphasize that personnel decisions do not imply anything

negative about the individual or the institution. Human operations are never perfect or smooth, and people whom we admire or like sometimes are affected by those operations."

Juarez said the students hoped to receive assistance from the SGA in "identifying that something has gone wrong, and the student body is wanting to find out the truth."

SGA President Ana Perez said she was made aware of the issue by SGA

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On Campus

Briefs

Counselor **Ricardo Ayala** will conduct a Food for the Soul, Food for the Body workshop titled "Moral Dilemmas" from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday in Cortez Building Conference Room 204. For more information, call 544-8292.

The Learning Assistance Center will conduct TASP Preparation Workshops as follows: Writing, 2 to 4 p.m. today; Math III, 2 to 4 p.m. Tuesday; Reading III, 2 to 4 p.m. Wednesday; and Math III, 2 to 4 p.m. Thursday. All workshops will be conducted in North Hall 122. For more information, call 544-8208.

The Learning Assistance Center will conduct a workshop titled "Research" from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday in North Hall 122. For more information, call 544-8208.

There will be a Student Government Association meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday at the Faculty and Staff dining room, located in the Student Center. For more information, call 983-7254.

Philip Davis will discuss his latest book, "Goddess Unmasked: The Rise of Neopagan Feminist Spirituality," on "Society Under Fire," which airs at 7:30 p.m. Thursday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday on KMBH-FM (88.9). Davis is a professor of religious studies at the University of Prince Edward Island. He has written scholarly work on the Gospel of Mark and Early Christianity and is the leading authority on Western neo-paganism. **David Pearson**, associate professor of Social Sciences, hosts the program.

David Rice, a Valley native and author of "Give the Pig a Chance and Other Stories" and "Crazy Locs," will give a public reading at 11 a.m. Friday in SET-B 1.336. Admission is free. A discussion will follow the reading. For more information, call **Leslie Jones** or **Eugene Novogrodsky** at 542-0246.

The fourth annual Research Day will take place April 19. All students who have participated in research at UTB/TSC or at other academic institutions are invited to present poster or oral presentations of their work. The exhibit will showcase research in astronomy, biology, chemistry, computer science, education, engineering, geology, health sciences, mathematics, physics and social sciences. Students are encouraged to present, even if their research is not yet complete. A status report, or even a description of their research plans will be received.

Deadline for registration is April 2. For more information, call **Adrienne Rodriguez**, Research Day coordinator, at 574-6684 or send her an e-mail at arodriguez@utb.edu.

A "50s Sock Hop Dance" will take place from 8 to 11 p.m. April 20 at the Garza Gym. Prizes will be awarded for Best '50s Outfit, Hula-Hoop, Dance and Limbo contests. Tickets are \$3 for singles and \$5 for couples and are available at the UTB/TSC Cashier's Office and at the door. For more information, call 544-8205.

Corrections

A story and headline in the March 18 issue of The Collegian stated that the university had purchased Amigoland Mall and two Fort Brown hotels. In fact, the university still is negotiating to buy the real estate, according to John Rottma, vice president for Administration and Partnership Affairs.

A photo caption published in the March 18 issue of The Collegian misidentified Students Toward Excellence in Medicine member **Erika Rodriguez**.

Almost done



Construction continues on the new Student Union on the southeast end of campus. Palm trees and other flora were planted recently.



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On Campus

From college to China: a UTB/TSC grad's story

By Ysenia Bazaldúa
Staff Writer

UTB/TSC grad Gabriel Martinez gave lessons in conversational English in China for four months, but came back home with lessons of his own. He learned about a country he had read about in class, made new friends and gained an even bigger appreciation for education.

It took Martinez 35 years to get his college degree, but it did not take him very long to discover how much he could do with it. Martinez found that a college education is essential in life and he urges everyone to go for his or her degree as well.

"If I can do it anyone can," Martinez said in regard to graduating from college. "That piece of paper is the key to so many opportunities, get them while you can."

Every journey has its beginnings and Gabriel Martinez had his in Texas.

Martinez was born in San Antonio in 1943. Growing up in San Antonio, he played football and tried a few times to quit school and get a job. His mother, however, always managed to keep him in school and he is very grateful to her.

After high school, Martinez joined the Marines and served

for three years. In 1966, he took advantage of the GI Bill and attended San Antonio Union College for two years. He really enjoyed his time at home and college.

"I got paid for going to school!" Martinez said.

Years later, he made a living by taking all kinds of jobs.

Martinez and his wife, Olga, currently make Harlingen their home. Martinez runs a dog-training business and is in pursuit of furthering his career options with his bachelor's degree in history.

Martinez told The Collegian that he was always fascinated by travel, foreign places and cultures. He has never quit asking questions and discovering things on his own.

The ability to travel and live within a different culture is a great learning experience, he said.

The former Marine attributes much of his knowledge and character to his experiences abroad. He served two tours of duty in Vietnam, has traveled throughout Europe and the Middle East, where he worked in Saudi Arabia for three years. Each place offered him new ideas and opportunities.

Martinez was an instructor for the Common Wealth Co., a joint venture between a company in Georgia and England,

He taught Saudi personnel how to use the new equipment his company built and in the process learned to speak Arabic from a Jordanian tutor. He worked with all kinds of people and said he picked up quite a bit from the place.

The trip to China was part of a program that teaches Chinese students to speak English as spoken by Americans. History professor William Adams and mathematics professor Zhong-Ling Xu started the tutoring abroad program. Adams taught at Henan Normal University, and is the host of a Chinese exchange student. His most recent book is titled "Remembering Xinni-Ang."

Xu is from Beijing and he set up much of the communications between the high schools and universities interested in the American tutors.

Last year Adams and Xu posted fliers, set up meetings and talked with students interested in making the trip. Martinez was the first and only UTB/TSC graduate to go to China to tutor so far, but there is hope of sending more UTB/TSC graduates to China in the future.

Martinez said those interested in becoming tutors and going to China must have a bachelor's degree in any field and the ability to speak



COURTESY PHOTO

Gabriel Martinez and his wife, Olga, visit China's Forbidden City.

English fluently.

"China is set to host the Olympics in 2008 and the Chinese community is really interested in learning the English language," he said.

Martinez learned about the China tutorial trip through professor Xu. Before Martinez and his wife left for China, they met with the professor and went over the details of the trip and job.

Martinez took some classes that were not included in his degree plan in order to prepare for the trip, including one with English and Speech professor Noor Islam that dealt with English as a second language. He said he did this in order to better familiarize himself with the process of learning and teaching a language. Martinez said he appreciates all the help he got from professors and people on campus.

"The best thing I did was take an ESL course with Dr. Islam, he is a brilliant teacher," he said. "The course was the most relevant."

On Aug. 25, 2001, Martinez stepped out of a plane and into Beijing, China. He liked his trip and he loved the town he

would work in.

Martinez taught at Huairou No. 1 Secondary School. The high school is named after the town. Martinez said Huairou is 15 minutes north of Beijing. "Huairou is a lovely place," Martinez said. "It is considered a vacation area."

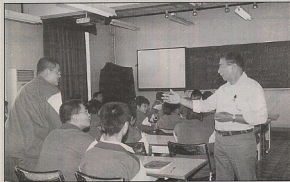
Martinez and his wife were provided with room and board. The program also provided them with numerous opportunities to sightsee and shop.

"China is a shopper's paradise," Martinez said.

Martinez and his wife visited ancient temples, the Forbidden City and the Great Wall.

"To be at the Great Wall, to be on it, is to be where such amazing and varied history has taken place."

The Martinezes collected an extensive array of photographs and souvenirs; unfortunately, their tourist visas were not so extendable. Each time the Martinezes renewed their visas it was only extended for a month. This situation kept him from completing his



COURTESY PHOTO

Gabriel Martinez teaches a class of 10th- and 11th-graders at Huairou Secondary School last October.

On Campus

Professional Women Speak reunion set

By Jamie Standeford
Staff Writer

UTB/TSC will host a reunion next month of "Professional Women Speak," which will feature women in non-conventional careers to provide information and inspiration to students.

Introduced to the university in 1981, Professional Women Speak was co-founded by Juliet V. Garcia, then the TSC dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and now president of UTB/TSC, and Ethel Cantu, then a TSC counselor and now an associate professor of Behavioral Sciences.

The seminar brings together a unique culmination of women from various backgrounds who have had many successes during and after their schooling here as a result of their dedication and perseverance.

"The speakers are asked to present information about their careers, how they overcome obstacles in pursuing their

careers and how they balanced their personal and professional lives," Cantu said.

Students are welcoming the event.

"I think 'Professional Women Speak' is a good idea to bring to campus because UTB/TSC has a large number of female students who struggle to attend," said Joe Ybarra, a senior criminal justice major. "Many of the women here have multiple responsibilities, including taking care of children, being a wife, working and most of all being a student. Giving a professional woman the ability to speak allows everyone in attendance to understand and be aware of the struggles a woman goes through. This also helps women in that current to keep believing in themselves and know that they are not alone."

UTB/TSC is locating former speakers and the faculty and students who introduced them.

"We will recognize the speakers and board members who have been involved with PWS since 1981," Cantu said.



Guadalupe Quintanilla

"We hope many of them will be able to join us for this reunion."

Cantu and Garcia will moderate the event.

Keynote speaker Guadalupe Quintanilla is a TSC alumna and was a PWS speaker in 1988.

Quintanilla, born in Ojinaga, Chihuahua, Mexico, is an associate professor of Modern and Classical Languages at the University of Houston. She is nationally recognized for training she provides to law enforcement agencies through her company, Cross-Cultural Communication Center.

She was inducted into to the

National Hispanic Hall of Fame and Hispanic Women Hall of Fame, and is one of the "The State of Texas Outstanding Women."

"Dr. Quintanilla will share her personal story: born in Mexico, spoke very little English but pursued her education... first at TSC and then on to a doctorate," Cantu said. "She will reflect on her career since 1988 when she was first a PWS speaker and offer advice to students. Her talk will be very motivational."

The PWS videotapes from 1981-1996 will air on the campus TV network the week before the reunion.

The reunion is one of the activities being held in conjunction with the yearlong anniversary celebration marking the 75th year of Texas Southmost College and 10th for the University of Texas at Brownsville. The campus community and public are invited to attend. About 300 people are expected to attend the seminar and reunion reception that

will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. April 27 in the SET-B Lecture Hall.

The audience should be inspired to pursue their dreams and [so] tackle the obstacles that come their way," Cantu said. "No problem is insurmountable. They should also appreciate the variety of challenges over a lifetime of active involvement in a career(s)."

Professional Women Speak was last active in 1996, Cantu said. The organization can be active again if students are interested in the seminars that Professional Women Speak sponsors.

For more information about Professional Women Speak, contact Cantu at 544-8868 or send an e-mail to caantu@uth.edu. Those interested in volunteering for the event can attend the meetings held at 3:15 p.m. each Wednesday in South Hall 301.

"Student clubs, organizations and all are invited to help with the event," Cantu said. "Help [us] make this a great event!"



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From the Counselor's Desk ...

Greetings! The Counseling Center will be writing a monthly article in The Collegian on various topics, such as mental health issues, career development, disability issues, relationship dynamics, and family/parenting concerns. We would be happy to accept topic suggestions from UTB/TSC students, staff and faculty. Please feel free to e-mail us at lrforese@utb.edu with your suggestions.

In our first article we want to introduce ourselves and highlight our services. People often ask, "What is a Counseling Center?" In this article we will clarify the difference between the Counseling Center and Academic Advising and the services each office provides. We understand that it is possible to confuse the two. For example, if someone were to ask the following questions, in which office would they seek assistance?

Where do I go for help with a resume?

Counseling Center.

Where do I go for help with a degree plan?

Academic Advising.

I'm feeling anxious and depressed, where do I go for help?

Counseling Center.

How do I know which classes to take?

Academic Advising.

How can I learn about internships leading to a career?

Counseling Center.

I have not attended UTB/TSC in two years, which classes do I take?

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I have a personal problem I would like to talk about, where do I go?

Counseling Center.

I think I have a learning disability and need help, where do I go?

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In the Counseling Center, we offer an array of specialized services, through various components such as: ASPIRE, Career and Placement

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Counseling, Vocational Student Services, Conflict Resolution, STING Peer

Mentoring Program, and the Early Alert Program. The

various programs are designed to help students resolve personal problems that may interfere with their academic success, help students cope and adjust to the transitional problems associated with university life and pressures, and help students with disabilities meet their academic needs. The Counseling Center provides students with assistance in selecting a major, career exploration, writing a resume, job interview strategies, and ultimately with job search and placement. Our International Student Services counselor assists international students with the necessary paperwork to study at UTB/TSC and with their adjustment to the university and the local community.

The Counseling Center also provides several workshops and groups on topics such as eating disorders, women's issues, men's issues, self-esteem, assertiveness, parenting, stress management and depression. We welcome walk-ins and provide personal appointments. The Counseling Center is located in Tandy 205. Feel free to drop in and schedule an appointment or call 544-8292.

The Academic Advising Center, which includes five advisers and faculty advisers from each School and College, focuses on the student's educational plans and goals. An academic adviser may 1) assist the student to make a decision about his/her educational goals, 2) assist the student with course selection when he/she has chosen a program of study, 3) refer a student to his/her faculty adviser

to obtain a signed degree plan, and 4) assist the student with enrolling in the appropriate classes so that the student may complete a program of study in a timely manner. Students in need of advisement and wishing to learn which classes are required for the desired program of study should make an appointment to see an adviser at 983-7362.

Academic Advising is located in Tandy 214.

Sometimes the services of the Counseling Center and Academic Advising overlap. In either case, one focuses on the person, while the other on the person's educational plans and goals. However, the primary goal of both is to be a source of guidance and support for the student in attaining his/her personal and educational goals.



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entire year in China. He and his wife arrived back in the United States last Christmas Eve.

Aside from the visa drawback, Martinez remained high-spirited in regard to China.

He loved his time there and was fascinated with the culture and customs of the country.

Martinez was impressed with the population.

"It seems like the entire world rides a bicycle," he said.

He said that just as young children rode to school, so did professors, mothers and men in suits.

The bicycle did not seem to slow down students.

Classes begin at 8 sharp; all students are in their seats by 7 a.m.

Martinez said students in China are extremely hard-working people.

"Every time I stepped into the classroom, the entire class stood up," he said about their show of respect.

Martinez said the attitude on campus was always enthusiastic, with students always ready to learn. They studied diligently and were always prepared.

"The school, from principal to staff, bends over backward to make you feel welcomed," he said.

School is in session until noon. Students then go for lunch, with class resuming at 1:30 and ending at 5 p.m.

But the studying continues. "Students knock off for dinner at five, but at 6 p.m. almost all students are back at school."

Martinez was impressed with the extra time students and teachers use for study.

Students are in school voluntarily from 6 until 9 p.m. He said teachers do not get paid for these extra hours of tutoring.

Students are so focused on studying and pursuing a college education that it was not rare to see students doing chores and studying at the same time.

"We would see kids sweeping and reading a book at the same time," Martinez said.

Aside from students showing immense energy toward education, many of them are also physically fit. He credits much of it to the healthy food and exercise practiced regularly by the Chinese, young and old.

"Chinese food is delicious and nutritious," Martinez said.

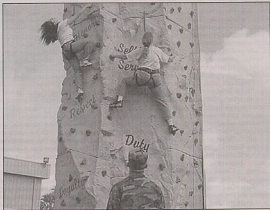
He said he occasionally missed some home-style foods, but for the most part found himself happy with the Chinese menu. Martinez said the food in China was more about rice and vegetables than anything else. There was not a lot of meat or fatty substances used in the meals, which ultimately made the food healthier and easier to digest.

He and his wife made new friends over meals and lost pounds as well.

"We were invited to dinner in people's homes and we made friends ... and without the word diet, both my wife and I lost weight," Martinez said with a smile.

The Martinezes made the most of their short time in China. They enjoyed everything the place had to offer and believe they gave something back as well. The couple shared their culture with their new friends and is set to keep in touch with them. China has forever changed their lives, and they hope to return soon.

Uphill battle



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On Campus

Date-rape drug test kits helps fight crime

By Lynn Franey
Knight Ridder Newspapers

University of Missouri-Columbia students who think someone might have slipped a "date-rape" drug into their drink now have a way to find out.

MU's Predatory Drugs Task Force has begun making free date-rape drug test kits available at campus locations including a 24-hour store, residence halls and some sorority houses.

The kits contain a form on which students record details of when they might have been drugged. This helps school health officials identify possible patterns.

The kits also contain a cup for collecting a urine sample, which students turn in anonymously at the student health center. The sample is tested by toxicologists at the university's hospital. The student calls for the results in about a week, using a number to maintain confidentiality.

The test results cannot be used in criminal prosecutions, but students who use the kits are encouraged to call police or visit the emergency room so that officials can determine whether they have been raped and file charges if a crime has been committed.

Even if the students do not do that, the program will be beneficial, Columbia police Officer Terri Markl said.

"A lot of times, the people who are victimized are underage. They're scared to call us to report it, because they think they'll be arrested for [underage drinking]," she said. "If they know they can do this anonymously, I think they will be more willing to tell people, even if they are not willing to prosecute."

It is critical for possible date-rape drug victims to save their urine as soon as possible because drugs leave the body and might not be detected if the victim waits too long.

Different drugs have different longevity in the body.

Telling student groups about the kits also educates people about the problem,

Markl said, which might help students be more careful at parties or bars.

Joan Masters, coordinator of MU's Partners in Prevention program, said free, anonymous testing would empower people, especially women, to know what is happening with their bodies.

Testing can help men or women who might have been drugged gain the peace of mind that comes with knowing, rather than always wondering, what really happened to them.

Also, she said, testing helps officials know how widespread the problem is. Over the last few years, reports have risen nationwide of predators slipping an odorless, colorless sedative into the drinks of unsuspecting people.

Often, victims black out and awake unable to remember anything after possibly ingesting a drug, usually Rohypnol or GHB.

In Michigan, a 15-year-old high school girl died three years ago after someone drugged her soft drink. In Missouri, a traveling businessman from Texas was charged in 1997 with drugging the drink of a Southwest Missouri State University student, then raping her while videotaping the assault. He was convicted in Texas for a similar attack.

Masters would not disclose whether any of the 10 to 15 kits that have been analyzed so far have uncovered sedatives or tranquilizers. She feared that because the sampling was small, releasing results might identify someone.

However, she said that in many of the cases, toxicologists found much higher levels of alcohol than would be expected based on how much alcohol the students reported drinking on the test kit's form.

That finding might help spur students to cut back their use of alcohol, which could prevent them from getting into dangerous or unhealthy

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The Student Olympics

The Battle of Colleges and Schools

April 15-19

The Student Olympics, one of the most exciting events of Homecoming Week, will consist of challenges of brain, might and wit, with schools and colleges competing for the titles of Best All-Around School/College, Best Academic School/College and Most Fun School/College.

Academic Events

(Gorgas Hall Conference Room)

April 15-Trivial Pursuit

April 16-Master Minds

April 17-Jeopardy

April 18-Chess Tournament

April 19-Spelling Bee

Athletic Events

(Gazebo area)

April 15-Obstacle Course

April 16-Chariot Races

April 17-Rock Climbing

April 18-Golf Putting

April 19-Volleyball

Fun Events

(Student Center)

April 15-Pictionary

April 16-Silly Olympics

April 17-X-Box Tournament

April 18-Scavenger Hunt

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Kits

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sexual situations, Masters said.

Rape educators in the area said they were intrigued by MU's approach.

Melissa Hazlett, a therapist and community educator at Kansas City's Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault, said anonymous testing helped officials compile accurate data.

Hazlett said requests are on the rise from administrators at high schools, and even middle schools, for an expert to talk to students about the dangers of drugs being slipped into their drinks.

She has counseled women who believe they were raped when a drug was slipped into their drink.

"It's so hard for them to remember anything," she said. "It doesn't play like a movie does. It's bits and pieces. They remember what happened before, and what happened when they woke up."

Lorie Powell, who works on sexual assault prevention and education at the Emily Taylor Women's Resource Center at the University of Kansas, said MU's program might be worth trying in Lawrence.

"Survivors many times don't report it at all. Being anonymous would be the main thing we would want to have," she said. "A lot of people don't want to file a report or charges. But for officials to build statistics or facts based on what happened, [testing kits] would be a good thing to have. Definitely."

Young voice on radio



APRIL ROBERTS/COLLIER

Rachel Gonzalez of Porter High School reads her poem "When I Was Young," which was one many writings by Valley students and teachers chosen to be broadcast on the Rural Voices Radio series on National Public Radio. The series is part of the National Writing Project, where teacher consultants are trained at local universities to encourage their students to write. UTB/TSC Professors Dawn Rodriguez and Paula Parson are director and co-director, respectively, of the Sabal Palms Writing Project.

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Officers and supporters of Kappa Delta Pi include (front row, from left) Elva G. Laurel, outgoing adviser; Nancy Mireles, president; Josie Chavez, member; and Hector Reyna, Texas Association of Future Educators state board member. Back row: Carlo Tamayo, coordinator of New Student Relations; Veronica Galvan-Carlan, Alpha Beta Chi and University Plan Program adviser; and Javier Ayala, Kappa Delta Pi adviser.

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On Campus

SGA

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Treasurer Edward Camarillo, and wanted to talk to the group.

Juarez said the group had been denied opportunities to voice their grievances prior to attending the SGA meeting. Juarez said the group was denied requests to post fliers and hand out pamphlets on campus by the Office of Student Activities.

Camarillo said he spoke to Dean of Students Mar Fuentes-Martin regarding denial of the requests. He said Fuentes-Martin told him the group had requested a permit to stage a sit-in, which had been refused, and the flier they had presented her had not "made any sense." Camarillo suggested they apply for use of the free speech area if they wanted to expose the Barrera issue to more members of the student body.

In an interview with The Collegian on Thursday, Fuentes-Martin said she denied permission to post the flier because it was not announcing anything, just making a statement that Barrera "was being treated unfairly." She said the purpose of fliers is to announce events involving students. The dean said she recently rejected a flier that in a similar way only made a statement criticizing a dean but did not announce anything that would require student involvement or "even [own] up to who put the flier up."

Fuentes-Martin suggested that if the group wanted to show support for Barrera they should organize a rally in the free speech area, where supporters could gather and collect signatures to do something about it.

Regarding the sit-in request, the dean said she could not issue a permit for a sit-in since blocking the entrance to anything on campus is a violation of the code of conduct and thus could never be sanctioned by the Office of Student Activities.

Juarez and SGA President Perez agreed that it would be beneficial for the SGA and his group to work together. Juarez praised Camarillo's proposal and the SGA's time

and attention to the issue.

"We were told that there was not much support from the university," Juarez said. "As students we felt let down, and I feel your proposal is excellent."

The SGA executive board emphasized the importance of working together with this group to find a suitable resolution to this issue. Both sides seemed pleased as they made plans for further collaboration.

In an interview late Thursday, Barrera confirmed that her contract was not renewed. Asked why it was not renewed, she replied, "I don't know why, but you can come by and I can give you a copy of the letter I was given. That's all the information I have."

Asked if there was a way to get her job back, Barrera said, "I really don't know myself. All I got was a letter. That's it. ... I just forwarded a letter to [UTB-TSC President Juliet V. Garcia] with a full packet and I never got a response back."

Barrera also was asked about the students' efforts on her behalf.

"They're free to do what they wish to do," she said.

Also at his March 7 meeting, the SGA heard about six new programs of study that are in the works at UTB/TSC and will be added to the curriculum in the coming months.

In his presentation, Provost Martin said an associate degree in applied science in paralegal studies has been approved and will start next fall.

Programs in the process of approval are as follows:

- medical office specialist associate degree;

- bachelor of science in engineering physics;

- bachelor of science in applied technology;

- master's degree in bilingual education;
- and a master's degree in biology.

The latter degree would start a movement toward more biomedical fields of study being added to the university's programs, he said.

Martin also spoke of the role UTB-TSC wants to take in the academic research ambit in coming years. He said the university is seeking

Club Spotlight

Name: UTB/TSC Martial Arts Club.
Purpose: To promote health and well-being through physical fitness and training.
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President: Cristy Rivera.
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Dues: None.

Meets: At 6 p.m. every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in the Cortez Building.

For more information, call: Rivera at 544-8976 or Solis at 544-8828.

—Compiled by Josie Chavez



Members of the UTB-TSC Martial Arts Club include (front row, from left) Erika Rodriguez; Cristy Rivera, president; Tina Martinez, secretary and Fabiola Calderon. Back row: Dante Lopez; Erick Vallerino; Sergio Martinez; and Vince Solis, coach.

to develop "Center of Excellence" areas and become nationally recognized in four separate fields of research.

"We are going to make a commitment," Martin said. "We have the faculty and the talent to do it."

He said the Center for Research of the Biology of Disease and Aging would build on the tradition started by William Gorgas in disease research. The other institutions would be the Center for Physical Science/Computational Science, a Workforce Education and Degree Completion Center at Amigoland Mall, and a Center for Culture and Communication.

In other business:

The SGA executive council unanimously approved Resolution 22, which calls for the organization of "Spirit Day," a special celebration to

improve school spirit. The SGA hopes to make students aware of many of the traditions at UTB-TSC. Spirit Day was celebrated on Friday.

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Tiempo Nuevo

Caza-fantasmas al acecho en el campus

Por Ildefonso Ortiz
Editor de Tiempo Nuevo

Armados con binoculares de visión nocturna, grabadoras, y cámaras tanto de video como fotográficas, un grupo se reúne cada semana en el campus de UTB/TSC a buscar fantasmas.

Los Investigadores Internacionales de lo Paranormal del Valle del Rio Grande tiene recorridos en el campus todos los viernes comenzando a las 10 p.m. Los recorridos están abiertos al público, se les recomienda a los participantes a que traigan sus cámaras y grabadoras para documentar cualquier abultamiento.

Reportes de abultamientos de fantasmas abundan en el campus el cual fue construido en las ruinas del antiguo Fuerte Brown.

Los Investigadores Paranormales comenzaron cuando George Acosta, su ex-ministro episcopal, sus hijos George y Ashley, al

igual que Victor Pérez, quien es un curandero y Rick Castañeda, quién dice tener sensibilidad a fenómenos paranormales, se conocieron y empezaron a cazar fantasmas el pasado septiembre en el cementerio de la ciudad, dijo Acosta.

El nombre del grupo, coincidentemente, son las iniciales de los integrantes.

"Llámalo coincidencia pero somos los Investigadores Internacionales de lo Paranormal del RGV y somos Rick, George y Victor, RGV", dijo Acosta. El dijo que los tres se conocieron a través de la Sociedad Metafísica de Brownsville.

"Desde entonces nos fascinamos y hemos estado viniendo aquí cada viernes", dijo Acosta.

El dijo que ellos hacen sus carceras en el campus porque lo consideran una zona segura ya que la Policía del Campus siempre está cerca.

"Esta es una zona segura, por eso venimos aquí los viernes porque si fuéramos a otra parte como el cementerio, no sé si [los participantes] podrían lidiar con eso", dijo Acosta.

Denise Torres, estudiante de segundo año, habló sobre sus experiencias con los investigadores Paranormales.

"Vimos a tres soldados junto al Edificio de Ciencias de la Salud, y estaban marchando", dijo Torres. "Los vimos y dejaron de marchar. Ellos empezaron a vernos a nosotros... luego desaparecieron. [En el edificio LHS] oímos a una mujer gemir y [por el Edificio Georgias] se habrían las puertas".

Manuel Flores, un estudiante de segundo año en la Preparatoria Porter, dijo que cuando estaban en el edificio LHS, los candados se movían.

El Collegian se unió al grupo el 15 de marzo para un

recorrido del campus. El grupo consistía de más de 20 personas la mayoría adolescentes o veinteañeros.

Este reportero no se encontró con fantasma alguno en el recorrido pero sí presenció incidentes inusuales.

Al pasar por la fuente entre los edificios Norte y Sur, la cámara de video se desenfocaba y reajustaba junto a donde Torres estaba sentada. Creañeda dijo que sintió a un ente junto a la muchacha.

Acosta le mostró al Collegian algunas fotos de lo que él dice son fantasmas.

El también dice tener grabaciones de voces.

"También ahora empezamos a tener videos así que esperamos poder enseñarlos al público", dijo Acosta. "Lo que hacemos y decimos, lo respaldamos. No estamos aquí para hacer bromas, no estamos aquí para quitarte el tiempo a nadie. Estamos aquí para hacer investigaciones".

Breves

Habría una reunión de la Asociación del Gobierno Estudiantil a las seis del jueves en el salón de empleados y profesorado en el Centro Estudiantil. Para mayores informes, llamar al 983-7254.

El Centro de Asistencia al Aprendizaje tendrá un seminario titulado "Investigation" de mediodía a la 1 p.m. el edificio Norte 123 del edificio Norte. Para mayores informes, llamar al 544-8202.

El Centro de Asistencia al Aprendizaje tendrá un Curso de Preparación para el TASP de la siguiente manera: Escritura 2 a 4 p.m. hoy; Matemáticas III 2 a 4 p.m. martes; Lectura III, 2 a 4 p.m. miércoles; y Matemáticas III 2 a 4 p.m. jueves. Todos los cursos serán en el salón 122 del edificio Norte. Para mayores informes, llamar al 544-8202.

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Sports

Scorpions lose two of three to Binn College

By Trey Mendez

Sports Editor

The UTB/TSC Scorpion Baseball Team lost two of three games to the Binn College Buccaneers March 9-10 at Scorpion Field. Scores for the games were 0-6, 4-6 and 6-2.

Lefty Randy Almaguer took the mound for the Scorpions in the first game and matched his Binn counterpart through the first couple of innings as the game remained scoreless until the top of the third, when a Binn homer put them ahead 1-0. UTB/TSC was unable to mount any serious rally until the sixth inning, when third baseman Alex Rivera was cut down at home plate trying to score on a single by first baseman Aldo Alonzo. The Buccaneers put together a four-run fifth and got another run in the top of the seventh to win the game 6-0. Almaguer allowed six runs on 12 hits and four strikeouts in seven full innings.

In the second game of the doubleheader, the Buccaneers jumped out to a 4-0 lead after two innings before the Scorpions struck for four runs in the home half of the third to tie it. Runs scored on a triple



Scorpion shortstop Brian Lopes drives the baseball through the infield in the Scorpion's home series vs. Binn March 9-10.

by left fielder Ernie Mariell, a single from shortstop Brian Lopes, and a two-run single from designated hitter Efrain Cora. In the next inning, Binn put another run on the board to go up 5-4. Both teams went scoreless for the next four innings until Binn added a run in the top of the ninth to take a 6-4 lead. In its final at bat, UTB/TSC was able to put its first two baserunners on. After an intentional walk to catcher Brian McGinty, Martell stepped up to the plate with

the bases loaded and one out, but hit a sharp line drive into the glove of the shortstop, who threw to second for the double play to end the game. Starting pitcher Rod Garza took the loss for the Scorpions despite allowing only three earned runs on nine hits and two strikeouts in nine innings. Lopes went 2 for 4 with an RBI and a run scored.

With the Scorpions needing a victory in the third and final game of the series, their hitting and pitching came together at the right time. Lopes,

center fielder Ruiz and third baseman Rivera opened the game with consecutive hits and each scored a run to give the Scorpions a 3-0 advantage after one inning. That was all they would need, as freshman pitcher Efrain Rivera came up with what was perhaps the best pitching performance by UTB/TSC all year. Rivera held the Buccaneers without a hit until the sixth inning, giving his team enough time to build a 6-0 lead. Binn scored two unearned runs in the top of the eighth, but Rivera recovered with a scoreless ninth to earn the victory. Leading the hitting attack for UTB/TSC were Ruiz, who went 4 for 5 with an RBI; designated hitter Charlie Suarez, who went 3 for 4 with an RBI; and Brian McGinty, who had three RBIs.

Now that the team's offense has gotten better after struggling most of the first half of the season, Head Coach Eric Gonzalez has turned his attention to helping them get more "key hits."

"We have been averaging more hits and more runs a game, so we are getting better," Gonzalez said. "We just aren't getting the key hits when we have a chance to

break the games open."

After the series, the Scorpion record stands at (5-16) overall with a (4-13) conference record. They are in last place in their conference, but are only four games out of a playoff spot.

Results from their home series March 20-21 vs. Independence Kan. and their home series last weekend vs. San Jacinto College were unavailable at press time.

Gonzalez said his team would be entering the second half of the season with a fresh attitude after its Spring Break.

"The hoping that [the time off] will give them the motivation and desire to come back and work hard," Gonzalez said. "It also gave the coaching staff time to sit down and think about what strategy we are going to use the second half."

With a full second half remaining, Gonzalez believes his team has enough time to turn its season around and get into the playoffs.

"We are only four games out of a playoff spot, so we can make up that in one week," Gonzalez said. "We need to go out there and let our playing do the talking."

The Rookie runs the basepaths--kind of

By Alex Rivera

Staff Writer

Hello again, readers. It's the Rookie here bringing you this year's baseball preview.

NL East: The New York Mets are my favorite to win this division and make some noise in the postseason this year. They acquired second baseman Roberto Alomar in a trade with Cleveland. The Atlanta Braves also made some notable moves in the offseason, acquiring outfielder Gary Sheffield from the Dodgers and also signing 3B Vinny Castilla, who began his career as a Brave. The Braves will be there again but I think the Mets will come together and win the division.

NL Central: I really like the St. Louis Cardinals. They

are still a solid squad and made strides to continue to dominate. Mark McGwire is no longer playing since he retired from the game last year. I also see the Chicago Cubs staying close this year. The Cubs improved with the arrival of Of Moises Alou. The Astros probably won't make much noise this year.

NL West: This is a hard division to decipher. There are three good teams and any one of them can be victorious in the end. My favorite is the Los Angeles Dodgers. They have a good pitching rotation with Kevin Brown and newly reacquired Hideo Nomo as well as the Japanese sensation Kazuhiro Ishii. Nipping at their heels will be the defending World Champion Arizona Diamondbacks. They stayed pretty much

intact from last year and they still have their workhorses in Randy Johnson and Curt Schilling. The Giants will also be there nose to nose with the other two teams.



The Rookie

AL East: I know a lot of people don't like the New York Yankees but it's hard to not pick them to win the division. The Yanks made the largest signing by picking up first baseman Jason Giambi,

formerly the Oakland A's offensive. I don't think Boston or anyone else from that division will make enough of an impact to challenge the Yanks for the East crown.

AL Central: I like to be a controversial guy every now and then, so I'm going out on a limb and saying that the Chicago White Sox will win it. I know most people like the Cleveland Indians but I think they are done.

AL West: On top I like the Mariners. They are still as solid as they were last year, but it will be interesting to see how life goes for Oakland without its big slugger Jason Giambi. The A's always manage to surprise people in the end. Another team to watch in the West is the Texas Rangers. They might be a good team this year, with the

additions of pitchers Todd Van Poppel, Chan Ho Park, Hideki Irabu and Ismael Valdes. As the team can be good it can also be a Jerry Springer show waiting to happen, thanks to the acquisition of bad boys Carl Everett and John Rocker.

NL MVP: I'm a Met guy so I have to go with Mike Piazza.

AL MVP: I like Giambi to shine in the city that never sleeps and finally get some recognition.

NL Cy Young: I like Kevin Brown to have a good year and lead the Dodgers.

AL Cy Young: I think Roger Clemens will have another dominating year.

Rookie of the Year: All I have to do is look in the mirror and see that I am the Rookie of the Year.

The Meister's Preview

By Trey Mendez
Sports Editor

Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, children of all ages, welcome to the Meister's Wonderful World of baseball previews.

Let's start in the American League East where the New York Yankees, as always, are the team to beat. The Boston Red Sox tried to close the gap on them by acquiring the ageless Ricky Henderson, but in the end, Henderson is 43, Pedro Martinez is battling shoulder trouble, and shortstop and franchise player Nomar Garciaparra is battling wrist problems. This is the Yanks' division all the way.

In the American League Central, the Cleveland Indians and Chicago White Sox figure to battle for first place. Both are similar in their pitching and offense, but the Indians lost second baseman Roberto Alomar via trade and outfielder Juan Gonzalez to free agency. The Sox remain pretty much intact, but will have a healthy Frank Thomas in the middle of their lineup. Give the division to the Sox, even though I don't like the South Siders much.

The Seattle Mariners are the defending champions in the AL West and will have everyone from last year back. They added third baseman Jeff Cifello from the Rockies to help their already impressive offense. Their pitching is suspect, with Freddy Garcia as the ace. The Mariners are the good team, but I like the Oakland Athletics even better. Their 1-2-3 pitching punch of Tim Lincecum, Mark Mulder and Barry Zito is the absolute best in baseball. Their lineup led team leader Jason Giambi to the Yankees, but blue-chip prospect Carlos Peña is set to fill in. Though he will be nowhere near as productive as his predecessor Giambi, Peña will be one of the best first basemen in the league by 2005. The A's lineup is better than the Mariners' and so is their pitching. I like the A's to win and the Mariners in the wildcard.

In the National League

East, I think the New York Mets have finally gotten over the hump known as the Atlanta Braves. They were the most active team in the offseason, acquiring Alomar, first baseman Mo Vaughn, and outfielder Jeremy Buzum to complement catcher Mike Piazza and third baseman Edgar Alfonzo. The Mets don't pitch as well as the Braves, but with this lineup, who cares? The only thing the Braves did was get Gaby Sheffield to replace Brian Jordan in the outfield, but they have plenty of holes in their hitting order. Sorry, Atlanta, but it's the Mets' time to shine.

In the Central, the Chicago Cubs, Houston Astros and the St. Louis Cardinals all have enough talent to win the division. Just like they did last year, when the Cubs held onto first place before unraveling like a cheap sweater in August. Watch out, people, because the Cubs are back from the time warp that has kept them from winning a World Series since 1908. The Cubs are ready to win, especially with Sammy Sosa, Fred McGriff and Moses Alou forming the middle of the order. Their pitching will also be scary with Kerry Wood, rookie Juan Cruz and the always dependable Jon Lieber. I like the Cubs to win the division, and the Cardinals and Astros to fight until the last week of the season for the wildcard.

The NL West is not that difficult to predict. The Diamondbacks should repeat as champions, but will most likely be pushed hard by the San Francisco Giants and the Los Angeles Dodgers. Aside from possible monster seasons from Colorado Rockies 1B Todd Helton and Giants outfielder Barry Bonds, there isn't anything else so interesting in the West, so I won't say more about this division.

The Meister's Awards:
Most Valuable Player—Derek Jeter, New York Yankees (A.L.). Sammy Sosa, Chicago Cubs (N.L.).

Rookie of the Year—Eric Hinske, Toronto Blue Jays (A.L.). Juan Cruz, Chicago Cubs (N.L.).

Cy Young Award—Barry Zito, Oakland Athletics (A.L.). Kerry Wood, Chicago Cubs (N.L.).

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Houston. Funk said that while at the club in San Antonio, he heard about the opening at UTB and decided to interview for the position.

"I came down, I interviewed and the rest is history," Funk said.

Throughout his tenure at the university, Funk has seen numerous players come and go, but remains in contact with mostly all of them.

"The kids who have gone through here have just been wonderful," Funk said. "The best things are the kids that have gone and write back to tell you, I wouldn't be doing this if it wasn't for you." I keep a notebook and the title of it is "Why I Coach" and that is what is in it, letters and e-mails from them."

Funk admits that he will be moving to San Antonio without really knowing where he will work, or live. There are no collegiate openings in San Antonio as of right now, so Funk may settle for a high school coaching job.

"I am moving to San Antonio but I don't have a job yet, which is the scary part," Funk said. "But that part doesn't matter, because now I am doing it for my sons and to be near them."

Last year, Funk had the opportunity to take the head-coaching job at St. Mary's but turned it down.

"[Being head coach at St. Mary's] is something I have always wanted," Funk said. "I turned it down for a number of reasons, some personal, some financial."

Though he couldn't point to a specific moment as his greatest at UTB/TSC, Funk said the 1995 and 1996 teams provided some highlights. The 1995 team was the first to make the playoffs under Funk's tenure and finished the season ranked in the top five nationally. That team won the regional tournament on its home floor and advanced to the national tournament in Miami.

"We didn't make the playoffs the year before, but we went to the playoffs in [1995], and won the regional right here [at the Garza Gym],"

Funk said. "So the town really got into it."

The 1998 team advanced to the national tournament in Utah.

"The 1998 team went to nationals and were ranked ninth, but the most exciting thing about that is how we won the regional tournament," he said. "We lost one of our key players to an ankle injury, but the team responded really well and got into the tournament and won it. It was just a blast."

Funk says he will miss UTB/TSC, but sees his decision to step down as the best thing for him.

"It gets hard during holiday time, because when I came down here it was with my wife and kids, but now that that is gone, it's been a really different life," Funk said. "So I think this will be good for me."

Funk said his resignation is effective Aug. 1.

At press time, Interim Vice President for Student Affairs Hilda Silva was not available for comment on a possible replacement for Funk.

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Viewpoint

A trip to Ground Zero

By Alfredo Norberto
Columnist

I first saw the lights as the car approached the entrance of the Lincoln Tunnel. That impressive skyline that is etched in so many of our memories stood before me for the first time. Two pillars of light rose from the southern tip of a disappearing into the night sky. It is a remarkable sight, but it's a shame it is there to commemorate one of the darkest moments in American history.

My journey began in the small town of Marlboro, Mass., about 35 miles outside of Boston, where my best friend, Shawn, lives and works. Shawn had been asking me to come visit since he first moved there, but due to school and other factors I had not been able to do so. The opportunity arose during Spring Break. My other best friend, Mario, decided to venture up to Massachusetts and test the job market at the same time. We had been planning for weeks, but the centerpiece of the trip was going to New York City. Mario and I had never been there; Shawn, who was born and lived in New Jersey until age 9, had not been there since the eighth grade. Shawn's aunt had graciously offered us lodging in New Jersey, so we packed our bags and headed off to the city.

It was a fun trip, we joked around, made fun of each other, admired the scenery of New England. We arrived on the outskirts of New York around 4 p.m. We circumvented Manhattan to get to New Jersey faster, but we still expected to see the skyline from the George Washington Bridge. Alas, bad weather prevailed; a heavy fog rose from the Hudson River and the city was impossible to see. We finally arrived in West Patterson, N.J., where Shawn's family welcomed us.

We decided that instead of resting and waiting for the next morning to see New York City, we were going to drive in that night, have dinner, and do some late-night exploring.

We parked the car a block

from the Port Authority bus terminal and hopped on the subway to Second Avenue. After fighting and arguing over which way to go, we began to walk toward what we thought was Little Italy. We began to feel discouraged when all we saw were signs in Chinese and Asian grocery stores, but being good Boy Scouts, we followed our maps and instincts and finally ran into Mulberry Street, the heart of Little Italy, which is marked by rows of small Italian eateries and businesses. We finally settled on a restaurant and had a great dinner.

While sitting there we kept talking about how close we were to Ground Zero, and after seeing the lights from New Jersey, we were eager to see it. After the check came, we began to plot our course to arrive at the former site of the World Trade Center. We walked for about 30 minutes without seeming to get anywhere, we began to worry that we had gotten lost, but the lights seemed closer and closer, like a beacon calling us.

After navigating our way, we eventually found it; it was an eerie sight to behold, two lights rising from what looked like a vacant lot. We slowly approached, stopping to get pictures and to get my camera out. We walked bravely toward the rising pillars of light. The whole area was covered in a thin layer of dust; it felt weird walking on it, as if I was desecrating memories by walking on the dust, not knowing where it came from; the towers, just plain dust, or the remains of someone. It was an odd path we had to walk, every business that was within a two- to three-block radius seemed to be closed or had a "moving to new location" sign hanging on its window; life seemed to have been sucked from this part of a very vibrant city.

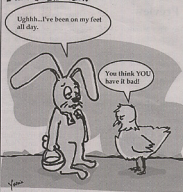
We made our way closer to where the towers had once stood. The whole area was unusually quiet, too quiet for comfort. The vibrant noises of traffic, people and urban chaos were replaced by the muffled hums of machinery

working behind the temporary walls blocking the view of Ground Zero. The buildings that stood around the tower still bore the scars of the attack. A U.S. flag hung across some windows of a skyscraper, which was badly burned and covered in soot; pieces of its facade were missing, exposing the offices it once housed. Most of the crowd around the almost three-block-long crater set its gaze on the sky, looking at either of the lights or the damaged buildings. Others walked around aimlessly, as if waiting for someone to explain to them why this had happened; many just stood and cried.

It was hard to come to grips with what I was seeing. It had become harder and harder to concentrate as thoughts ran through my mind. All I could say to my friends was "Man, this is messed up," repeatedly. They nodded as they continued to look up. Trying to imagine the size of the towers just built me even more, it seemed the whole area was bigger than my neighborhood. We slowly walked across the streets covering Ground Zero, like rubberneckers at an accident, stopping and being unable to not gawk at what stood before us. I felt a little empty inside as we reached the edge of Ground Zero.

We stopped at a set of benches a block away from Ground Zero. Looking up at the sky the lights and the muted sounds of construction still rang off in the distance. We were all quiet for a long time; I looked at them, and I was glad to see they, like me, seemed a little uncertain and scared. I knew I wasn't the only one feeling that way, and at that moment more than ever, I was glad my two best friends were with me. We slowly walked back to Canal Street and took a cab there. The familiar sounds of the city returned, but the lights were visible from every point in the city, reminding me of what I had seen at Ground Zero, burning that image in my mind, never letting me forget what a senseless tragedy we all had suffered on Sept. 11.

HAPPY EASTER!



Student Soapbox

You enter a dark room. You have only one match. There is a candle, a furnace and a stove in the room. Which would you light first?

"The match."
—Joe Uribe
Junior government major

what's in there."
—Victor Martinez
Sophomore music major

"The candle."
—Peter Speakman
Sophomore computer science major

"If the stove is gas, you light the stove with the match, then you ignite the furnace and then you light up the candle for light. But then again, what kind of a furnace is it?"

"None."
—Elizabeth Fernandez
Senior management international business major

—Chris de la Garza
Freshman biology major

"None, you never know

—Compiled by Josie Chavez

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A&E Briefs

The following musical performances are scheduled next month at the SET-B Lecture Hall: UTB/TSC Chamber, String and Guitar Ensembles, 8 p.m. April 2; Student Recitals at 5 p.m. April 3 and at 1 p.m. April 12, 19 and 26; UTB/TSC Two O'Clock Jazz Band, 8 p.m. April 8; UTB/TSC One O'Clock Jazz Band with Terry Tomlin, conductor, 8 p.m. April 9. Admission is \$3 for all events.

A Guitar Ensemble Festival featuring Martha Masters, Adam Del Monte and the Santa Fe Guitar Quartet will take place April 4-6 at the SET-B Lecture Hall. Concerts by guest artists begin at 8 p.m. A festival pass for all events is \$35. Each concert is \$10 or \$21 for a three-night pass. Admission for the Martha Masters concert is \$3 for UTB/TSC students with a valid ID. Senior discounts are available. Tickets can be purchased at the Fine Arts Department office, located in Edman 107-A.

The Third Annual Symphony in the Park concert, "Symphony in the Park and All That Jazz," will take place at 6 p.m. April 6 at Washington Park. It will feature a performance by the award-winning UTB/TSC Jazz Band. A variety of music from salsa to swing and Latin jazz will be presented. The concert will benefit the Brownsville Adult Literacy Center. Tickets are \$25 for preferred seating, \$10 general admission and \$2 lawn seating. Tickets for a post-concert dinner reception honoring 2002 honorees are \$60. For tickets, call the Brownsville Adult Literacy Center at 442-8080.

The UTB/TSC Wind Ensemble with Allen Clark, conductor, will perform at 8 p.m. April 11 in the Jacob Brown Auditorium. Admission is \$3.

—Compiled by A.D. Rocha

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Students' artworks earn high marks

By Ysenia Bazaldúa

Staff Writer

The Fourth Annual All Student Juried exhibition opened last Tuesday night at the Richardson Art Gallery, showcasing some of the best work UTB/TSC artists have to offer. Artists displayed their works for competition and sale.

The moment people stepped inside the gallery, they were greeted with paintings hung along the stairway that led them inside toward more original artworks.

This exhibition displayed the various styles and medias that are taught on campus, from watercolors, crayon and oil paintings to digital imaging, printmaking, ceramics, sculpture and photography.

Iris Lee, an award-winning professor of sculpture and art history at the University of Texas-Pan American and South Texas Community College, judged the artworks. Lee is a graduate of UTB/TSC and the first graduate of a new master's in Fine Arts program at Pan Am.

In the painting division, Javier Barbosa's "Melancholy" won first place. Adrian Perez's oil on canvas works titled "Rusted I, II, III" took second, third and fourth places. Honorable mention went to Helen Cravels for her pieces titled "Christ After Dali" and "Birth of a Warrior."

Winners in the drawing category were Claudia E. Ortiz, first place for "What I see #3," Patricia A. Barreras, second for "Water Lilies," and Rolando Holland, third

for "Gone Bananas the Last Poem." Mauricio Saez's works "Porcine Gioconda" and Barrera's "Reflections" both received honorable mentions.

Amanda Fuller received first place in photograph for "Basket Lady."

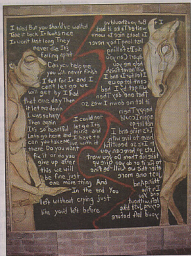
In printmaking and digital imaging, Victor Garcia's "Guardian Angel" received first place; Joe Saldaña's "Arise Jackie O" was awarded second place; Sandra Sanchez's "Sandra Sanchez" received third place; and Kevin Fuller's "Intitled" was given honorable mention.

In sculpture, first place went to "Life Cycle" by Maria Vega; Kristi Beckwith's "Pride, Youth, Beauty" came second; and Monica Nieto's "Relaxed Figure" received third place. Honorable mentions in this category went to Jesse Rosales' "Adversity" and Rebecca Aachard Welsh's "Shark's Eye Tooth."

The Director's Choice award went to Antonio Hurtado for his acrylics on canvas piece titled "Aparit."

Mary Lou Alvarez's crayon-painted-on-plywood piece titled "Three Masters and an Angry God" was sold immediately to an art enthusiast from Edinburg.

"He couldn't wait to take the painting home and he gave me sixty dollars for it," Alvarez said with a smile. The exhibit runs through April 12. The gallery is open from 10:15 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, and from 10:15 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday.



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"Aparit" by Antonio Hurtado

This man reads
The Collegian.

This man does not.

The choice is yours.

THE ENLIGHTENED ONES



TELL YOU WHAT TO DO...



Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Remember what Grandma used to say: "The early bird gets the worm, so finish that bottle of tequila soon."

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): Remember what Grandma used to say: "Nuts to Grandma! She's flustered and senile!"

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You will get drunk with non-alcoholic beer.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): We know, we know, "Black Knight" was robbed by those snobs at the academy. Who cares about acting, a coherent script and an interesting story? Not I, good sir, not

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): When taking your biology test this semester, it isn't a good idea to name that species of sponge, *Pontus Bobus Square Pantus*.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Say your prayers, men; you're in PMS land now.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Dude, those designer jeans you bought your girlfriend are knockoffs. There is no designer label called "Concha & Papaya."

Taurus (April 20-May 20): When thinking about dropping out of school, remember what Cheech

and Chong say: "Oh, well, pass the churro!"

Gemini (May 21-June 21): Does the expression odd! mean anything to you?

Cancer (June 22-July 22): You will become famous this summer when your dance mix of the theme for "The Dukes of Hazzard" becomes a runaway hit. Sadly, Daisy Dukes still will not give you the time of day; all her love is for Ennis.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Got sponge?

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): There's no such thing as the Easter Bunny. Quit setting booby traps to catch it.

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